CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for identifying a message selection made at a mobile station (MS), the method comprising the steps of:

uniquely associating an inbound telephone number with a message;

attaching said inbound telephone number to said message;

sending said message and said attached inbound telephone number to an MS using an MS telephone number associated with said MS;

maintaining a unique association between said message, said inbound telephone number, and said MS telephone number;
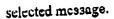
selecting said message at said MS;

calling from said MS said inbound telephone number attached to said selected message;

identifying said inbound telephone number of said telephone call;

identifying said MS telephone number of said telephone call; and

identifying said message associated with said inbound telephone number and said MS telephone number, thereby identifying said message selection made at said MS.

2. A method according to claim 1 wherein said uniquely associating step comprises uniquely associating a different inbound telephone number with each of a plurality of messages destined for said MS.

3. A method according to claim 1 wherein said selecting step comprises displaying said message on a display.

4. A method according to claim 1 wherein said calling step comprises activating a calling mechanism at said MS which automatically dials said inbound telephone number attached to said

selected message.

5.   A method according to claim 1 wherein said identifying said inbound telephone number

step comprises determining via which telephone line said telephone call is received and identifying

said inbound telephone number associated with said telephone line.

6.   A method according to claim 1 wherein said identifying said MS telephone number step

comprises identifying using Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

7.   A method according to claim 1 wherein said message is a Short Message Service (SMS)

message.

8.   A method for outputting an underlying message based on the identification of an

associated message, the method comprising the steps of:

creating an associated message identifying an underlying message;

uniquely associating an inbound telephone number with said associated message:

attaching said inbound telephone number to said associated message:

sending said associated message and said attached inbound telephone number to an MS

using an MS telephone number associated with said MS,

maintaining a unique association between said underlying message. said inbound

telephone number. and said MS telephone number;

selecting said associated message at said MS;

calling from said MS said inbound telephone number attached to said selected message;

identifying said inbound telephone number of said telephone call;

identifying said MS telephone number of said telephone call;

identifying said underlying message associated with said inbound telephone number and

said MS telephone number; and

outputting said underlying message.

9. A method according to claim 8 wherein said creating step comprises forming said associated message from any of a body portion and a header portion of said underlying message.

10. A method according to claim 9 wherein said creating step comprises forming said associated message using optical character recognition (OCR) on a printed form of said underlying message.

11. A method according to claim 9 wherein said creating step comprises forming said associated message using speech-to-text conversion on a spoken form of said underlying message.

12. A method according to claim 8 wherein said outputting step comprises performing text-to-speech conversion on said underlying message.

13. A method according to claim 8 wherein said outputting step comprises playing an audio recording of said underlying message.

14. A method according to claim 8 wherein said associated message is a Short Message Service (SMS) message.

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